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Dear Sirs,

Allotment of Shares under the ITC Employee Stock Option Scheme

In terms of the Listing Agreement, we write to advise that the Company on 20th August, 2003 has issued and allotted 1,844 Ordinary Shares of Rs.10/- each, upon exercise of 1,844 Options by five eligible employees under the ITC Employee Stock Option Scheme.

Consequently, with effect from 20^{th} August, 2003, the Issued and Subscribed Share Capital of the Company stands increased to 247,51,37,300/- divided into 24,75,13,730 Ordinary Shares of Rs.10/each.

Yours faithfully, ITC Limited

(R. K. Singhi)

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